

## **IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~Apparatus is disclosed for For~~ establishing proper clearance between adjacent parts of a combine harvesting machine spacers are provided which create a clearance between housing parts of the combine. The clearance produces a gap which is to be controlled in terms of its extent. To control the extent of the gap, a flap member of flexible material is used. The flap member provides ~~Additionally means are provided for control of airflow through the machine after proper clearances are established.~~